



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1565-00

21 June 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 20 June 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The discharge processing documentation is not filed in your service record and the Board conducted its review based on the incomplete record and the documentation you submitted.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 10 July 1995 for a guaranteed assignment to MA "A" school. At that time you had completed almost two years of active service in the Naval Reserve. The record shows that you satisfactorily completed the MA course on 14 December 1995. On 3 May 1996 you were counseled concerning disobedience, use of reproachful language and drunk and disorderly conduct. The next entry in the record shows that you were honorably discharged on 13 June 1997 by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

You state in your application that you did not complete the alcohol rehabilitation program. You also state that you were under stress because of your wife's medical problems and unpaid medical bills. You have submitted character references showing that you have been a good citizen since your discharge from the

Navy.

The Board was aware that regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to alcohol rehabilitation failure. Since you have been treated no differently than others discharged for that reason, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director